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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Bautzen-Litten Airfield

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EVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                     DATE OF CONTENT                     

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DATE OBTAINED                      DATE PREPARED 16 October 1953REFERENCES                     PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)                     REMARKS                       
                      
                    

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1. Between 16 August and 7 September 1953, no aircraft or air activity was observed at Bautzen-Litten airfield. Two cement mixers were used in the southwestern section of the field where a taxiway was being built. No work was being done on the runway which was covered with runway mats. On some spots, grass was growing on the runway. Work on the taxiway was being done only by Soviets, as had formerly been observed on the runway. Sand for the taxiway was hauled on tipping trucks from Schafberg near Niederkaina.

                     a concrete apron was located about 150 meters north of the road, that poles, 70 to 80 cm apart, with foam extinguishers were along the edge of the area, and that work was being accelerated there.                     

                     a fuel dum was under construction. Ambulance                      and truck                      were observed entering and leaving the field.

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2. During the period from 17 August and 4 September, the airfield was not occupied by aircraft or used by aircraft from other fields. Construction work was being done by the Bauunion Sued. During the day and at night, work was conducted and a dredger and four tipping trucks were used on a construction site just behind the wall north of Neupurschwitz. Throughout the day on 22 August, sand was being trucked to the section of the field north of Neupurschwitz. At this site, four large heaps of sand, each 20 meters long and 3.5 meters high, were observed on 31 August.
3. The airfield was still unoccupied on 12 September. Work was under way. The two temporary buildings at the two sides of the northern entrances were torn down, the entrance gates were removed, and the gap in the fence was closed. A sentry wearing blue collar patches and armed with a rifle was posted at the southwestern entrance and a worker was charged with opening and closing the entrance gate in the southeastern section of the field.

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Comment. The report indicates that construction work at Bautzen-Litten airfield apparently continues to a limited extent. No information has been received whether repair work was conducted on the auxiliary runway covered with runway mats which, as reported previously, is not serviceable for jet aircraft. It is possible that the runway will remain in the present status as the VPL pilots are not trained in jet aircraft and because other training aircraft do not require runways.

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